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News Release

Propaganda Flyers Found in Residential Driveways

(Westport, CT) On July 20, 2023, propaganda flyers were discovered on driveways in a residential neighborhood in Westport.

On Monday, July 24, 2023 Westport Police were notified of the propaganda, in the form of flyers placed in plastic baggies and weighted down with rice. The flyers were brought to the police department and have been secured as evidence. The content was somewhat random and incoherent but was antisemitic in nature. The tagline stated, "Every single asset of abortion is Jewish." The author(s) of the flyer then list prominent Jewish men whose work, they claim, has been responsible for easing restrictions on terminating pregnancies and allowing the availability of contraceptives.

First Selectwoman Jennifer Tooker stated, "I am grateful to the Police for managing this latest issue with expediency and professionalism. Westport will use all of its available resources to combat this hate and to strongly message that these statements and sentiments do not have a place here in Westport." She continued, "In collaboration with the CT ADL, TEAM Westport, and local officials, we will continue to make strides to ensure that Westport is a place where everyone is welcome, and everyone feels that they belong. Safety is always a top priority."

TEAM Westport Chairman Harold Bailey, Jr. echoed these same sentiments, "This hate-filled vitriol is an assault on the fabric and values of every segment of the Westport community. We all stand in solidarity as Westporters in our firm rejection of both the message and messenger."

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Chief Koskinas reminds the public that the Westport Police Department takes pride in making Westport a safe and inviting community. We will continue to be transparent and communicate these matters to the public as soon as we are made aware.

We are asking anyone in the Partrick Road area of Town to review surveillance cameras from the evening of July 19, 2023 through July 20, 2023 and report anything suspicious to the Westport Police Detective Bureau at (203) 341-6080.

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